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President Stonecipher announced that the Council is still abiding by Governor Inslee's Healthy Washington guidelines, and as a result, City Council meetings will continue to be held remotely with all meetings scheduled at 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday, except the fourth Wednesday of the month when the meeting is scheduled at 12:30 p.m. She stated a reopening plan is being developed, and the Council will be prepared to make an announcement at a future meeting.

President Stonecipher stated that public comments from the community are welcome on items that are up for discussion during the meeting. She noted that those wishing to provide public comment on agenda items, may call 1.425.616.3920, Conference ID: 970 165 788#. She asked that comments be respectful, and remarks limited to three minutes. She added that the Council does not allow comments on certain issues such as: campaigning of any kind – whether for or against ballot measures or candidates running for office – is legally prohibited at the meeting, and comments focused on personal matters that are unrelated to City business. She stated that members of the public are always welcome to provide comments or concerns on any matter via email at Council@everettwa.gov. To comment on an item that is not on the agenda, contact Council offices at 425.257.8703 for approval. The Council will approve comments on issues within the Council's authority that have broad public interest. To submit comments or suggestions on Council processes, contact the Council offices at 425.257.8703. Individuals may also call in to listen to the live meeting at any point by dialing 425.616.3920, Conference ID 724 887 726#. Citizens are also encouraged to view meetings live on Comcast Channel 21, Frontier Channel 29, and on the City website at www.everettwa.gov/citycouncil.

The regular meeting of the Everett City Council was called to order at 6:32 p.m., June 9, 2021, Council President Stonecipher presiding. Upon roll call, it was found that Mayor Franklin and Council Members Roberts, Moore, Murphy, Vogeli, Bader, Stonecipher, and Tuohy were present.

The minutes of the June 2, 2021, City Council meeting were approved as printed.

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MAYOR

Mayor Franklin commented on an article published by ParentMap that touts Forest Park playground as a model for inclusive play spaces for kids of all abilities. She thanked the Parks team for the new playground, which is a great resource for the city of Everett and the region. The Mayor also invited everyone to attend the Sorticulture event this weekend.

COUNCIL

Council Member Roberts reported on his attendance at the Riverside Neighborhood meeting last night. He also provided a liaison update on his recent meeting with Planning and Community Development staff. Council Member Roberts reported on the continuing Sound Transit realignment work.

Council Member Murphy expressed concern about the Sound Transit alignment process and the announcement of an additional five-year schedule delay in the development of the spine to Everett. He requested more information regarding the delay process and what is being done to accelerate the spine back to Everett, as well as information about the opportunities to pursue legal options against Sound Transit.

Council Member Roberts stated that the Sound Transit Board has not yet made decisions about how the process might affect any given project. He added that he would make additional material available to the Council; however, discussions are still in progress.

Council Member Tuohy extended condolences to the Wendt family on the recent passing of Nancy Wendt. She added that the Wendt family was influential and very involved in the Everett cultural arts community. She reported that she attended the Cultural Arts Commission meeting yesterday, and thanked Peoples Bank for its continued support of the Fourth of July events. Council Member Tuohy recused herself from the vote on Action Item No. 6 because she is employed by the Schack Art Center, which is one of the grant applicants being considered for funding.

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Council Member Vogeli reported on her attendance at last evening's meeting of the Westmont Holly Neighborhood Association.

Council Member Bader provided a liaison report on his attendance at the monthly meeting of the Snohomish Health District Board. He also reported that he met with Parks staff regarding a new management contract for the golf courses, which will be presented to Council in July.

ADMINISTRATION UPDATE

Deputy Mayor Nick Harper responded to Council Member Murphy's comments regarding Sound Transit. He stated Administration would work with Legal to schedule a future executive session to review options. He also expressed condolences to the family of Cliff Bailey who recently died. He noted that Mr. Bailey is remembered as a long-time farmer, elected public servant, and community leader.

CITY ATTORNEY

Deputy City Attorney Tim Benedict requested a 10-minute executive session regarding collective bargaining negotiations pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4) with no announcement to follow.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Deb Williams, Council, stated there were no written comments submitted.

Joe Kunsler, Skagit County resident, spoke about the future of Everett Transit.

CONSENT ITEMS:

Moved by Council Member Roberts, seconded by Council Member Tuohy, to approve the following consent items:

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RESOLUTION – TEMPORARY FARE WAIVER FOR EVERETT TRANSIT SERVICE
SERVING VACCINATION SITES

To adopt Resolution No. 7653 of the City of Everett establishing a temporary fare waiver for Everett Transit service serving vaccination sites in Everett Transit's service area.

RESOLUTION – CLAIMS

To adopt Resolution No. 7654 authorizing claims against the City of Everett in the amount of \$817,896.34 for the period of May 22, 2021, through May 28, 2021.

AGREEMENT – ENGINEERING PLANNING AND PRE-DESIGN FOR 17TH
STREET INTERCEPTOR UPGRADES PROJECT

To authorize the Mayor to Sign a Professional Services Agreement in the amount of \$319,726 with HDR Inc., for engineering planning and pre-design services for the 17th Street Interceptor upgrades project.

PURCHASE – ONE SERVICE BODY, UPFIT, AND ONE SNOWPLOW

To award and authorize purchase of one service body, upfit, and one snowplow from Northend Truck Equipment Co., Inc. from City of Seattle Contract #3205/EVT#2018-064 in the amount of \$124,843.70, including Washington state sales tax.

AGREEMENT – ACCESS TO WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF
LICENSING DRIVER AND PLATE SEARCH (DAPS) SYSTEM AND
DRIVER INFORMATION AND ADJUDICATION SYSTEM (DIAS)

To authorize the Mayor to sign the DOL DAPS and DIAS agency access request now and as necessary in the future for subsequent agreements, which will authorize and maintain access to the system by the Everett Police Department, the City of Everett Prosecutor's Office, and the Everett Municipal Court.

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Roll was called with all council members voting yes.

Motion carried.

PROPOSED ACTION ITEMS:

COUNCIL BILL 2105-17

SECOND READING:

AN ORDINANCE creating the special construction fund, entitled "Police Impound Yard – Additions and Alterations," Fund 342, Program 033, to accumulate the construction costs in the amount of \$380,000

ACTION ITEMS:

AGREEMENTS – LODGING TAX ADVISORY COMMITTEE GRANT FUNDING

Council Member Tuohy was recused from the vote.

Moved by Council Member Murphy, seconded by Council Member Bader, to concur with the recommendation of the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee and the Budget Finance Committee to allocate grant funding as designated in an amount not to exceed \$150,000 and authorize the Mayor to sign the contracts.

Council members thanked all those who volunteered in the process.

Council Member Murphy thanked the Committee members who volunteered to assist in the process, President Stonecipher, and Julio Cortes for providing staff support.

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Roll was called with all council members voting yes, except Council Member Tuohy who was recused.

Motion carried.

Council Member Tuohy returned to the meeting at 6:56 p.m.

COUNCIL BRIEFING AGENDA:

Rethink Housing Action Plan Project Update

Presented by Yorik Stevens-Wajda and Becky McCrary,
Community, Planning & Economic Development; and
Chris Collier, Alliance for Housing Affordability

Considerable discussion ensued relating to Mr. Collier's presentation on the Snohomish County housing perspective, which resulted in the following questions:

- With rising housing prices, what information is emerging about the sale of rental homes to individual homeowners?
- When looking at housing types, to what degree has the design of housing units fitting in within a neighborhood context encouraged or discouraged the acceptance of higher density within a neighborhood?
- How can we make this information and message more accessible to our community?
- Regarding housing stock versus need, is there any data that allows for a projection forward for the next two to five years?
- Questions regarding parking maximums rather than minimums or if parking is allowed at all?
- Is there any additional data about changes in the condominium market that resulted from condo reform legislation a couple of years ago?
- How and why housing development does or does not happen in certain areas?
- With respect to design guidelines, how do we accommodate greater density in a way that works for the community?

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Chris Collier stated he would review questions and respond back to the Council. He invited council members to contact him through Council Member Vogeli or to email him directly.

In relation to the severity of the housing market and the sequencing of strategies and follow up, Council Member Murphy spoke about the development incentive study that was mentioned and questioned whether the City should be looking at development incentives in the short term rather than medium term and what funding might be required. He also expressed an interest in obtaining more information about the Community Land Trust concepts mentioned in the medium-term strategies.

Deputy Mayor Harper stated that the City is exploring ways to encourage density without requirements on the developer.

Council Member Bader spoke about the impacts of State legislation related to the number of unrelated people living in one home, and he expressed an interest in learning what new challenges this may present for Code Enforcement. He also asked about the impacts of potential annexation on zoning or housing plans.

President Stonecipher asked about the trigger point where a community might consider an inclusionary zoning approach that would require a portion of housing to be built as affordable housing to keep up with the needs. She also expressed an interest in a future analysis of the City's incentives and how they have been utilized.

Yorick stated additional information will be presented to council members at a future date.

Rethink Transit Phase 2 Final Report and Project Update

Presented by Tom Hingson, Everett Transportation Services

Considerable discussion took place regarding the level and cost of transit service.

Council Member Tuohy expressed an interest in moving forward now to prepare a recommendation before the end of the year.

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Council Member Vogeli also expressed support for the formation of a committee to review.

Council Member Bader requested a breakout of survey data by rider versus non-rider response, as well as data that may show what is politically possible.

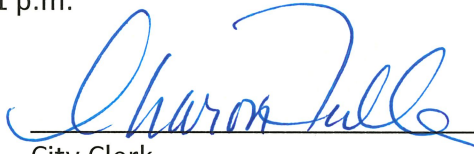
Mr. Hingson stated he would provide that information.

President Stonecipher spoke about the urgency to begin the work gathering information to determine the future of the transit agency. She asked Administration to come back to the Council with the composition of a study group and a proposed scope of work.

Council members expressed support for moving forward expeditiously.

Deputy Mayor Harper stated he would coordinate with the Mayor, Tom Hingson, and Community Transit leadership to expedite a proposal and plan for Council consideration.

The City Council recessed at 9:38 p.m. for a 10-minute Executive Session, reconvened, and adjourned at 9:51 p.m.



City Clerk

Read and approved as printed.



Council President